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Welcome to the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food's Cottage Food Production Operation program. Thanks to a statute passed by the legislature in 2007, Utah residents can now apply to produce non-potentially hazardous food products in their homes and offer them for sale within the state. All such businesses must be registered and inspected by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, and follow all required sanitation procedures.

To start the approval process for a Cottage Food Establishment, please fill out the Application for Cottage Food Establishment with information on your proposed business. Attach the requested business plan and labeling (recipes; storage, packaging, transportation, and point of sale plans; and labels and/or ingredient lists) on separate sheets or in separate document or graphics files. To speed up processing, we ask that you submit no more than ten products for review at a time; additional products can be submitted using the same process at a later date, after the business itself has been approved and inspected.

Certain types of products may need additional testing by a Food Processing Authority to confirm that they are not potentially hazardous. More information on this will be forwarded to you if needed.

Also included in the provided information is a general set of guidelines for preparing your home for this type of business, plus Labeling Guidelines and examples to help you design your labels correctly. If full labeling is not required (see Section 4 of the Application for more information) the instructions and examples will still provide helpful information on preparing correct ingredient lists, as the requirements are identical.

Please contact me if you have questions on any of the requirements or procedures. I look forward to working with you as you start your new business.

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